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1. Marianske Lazne Airfield [4955N-1243E] was located 4½ km. SSE of Marianske Lazne city [4958N-1242E] and 800 to 1,000 m. NNW of a large lake [Enclosure A, Point 4]. It was 538 m. above mean sea level. The field was grass-covered, sloping toward its northwest corner. There were shallow dips within the landing area and a 1½ m. drop-off below the runway surface level [Enclosure B, Point 8]. There was natural drainage except for one area [Enclosure B, Point 10]. The field was not capable of being extended. The main obstructions to flying were hills about 700 m. high on the north and northeast sides of the field and trees at the northwest corner of the field and across the highway [Enclosure B, Point 11]. The field was open only from May through September, being closed the remainder of the year because of heavy snows and other types of bad weather.
2. Electricity, water, and fuel were received from the city of Marianske Lazne. Refueling and maintenance facilities were available for light aircraft only. No Czechoslovak Airlines (CSA) aircraft refueled at this field. The CSA supplied a bus for passengers to and from the city. Employees at the field used bicycles or a regular bus which operated on the main highway [Enclosure B, Point 9].

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3. The aircraft [] at this field were mostly sport models such as Sokols and Caps; there were one or two Arados there for use by the SNB. The CSA planes which landed on this field were Siebels, JU-52's and C-47's.
4. The airfield personnel consisted of one airfield director from the Ministry of Air Transport (he also acted as ATC director), one CSA weather briefer, and one CSA mechanic. All wore the dark blue CSA uniform. [] no military personnel at this airfield.

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ENCLOSURES:

- A. Overlay of GSGS 4416, Sheet T-7, 1:100,000, Tirschenreuth, pinpoint location of Marianske Lazne Airfield and other prominent landmarks.
- B. [] Sketch of Marianske Lazne Airfield.

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